

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: William Vainchenker et al.  
Title: IDENTIFICATION OF A JAK2 MUTATION INVOLVED IN  
VAQUEZ POLYGLOBULIA  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 AND SUBMISSION WITH  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated April 20, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: